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FIELD OF THE INVENTION

The present invention relates to methods and pharmaceutical compositions for controlling the presentation of lumenal content in the gastrointestinal tract.

BACKGROUND OF THE INVENTION

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A principal function of the gastrointestinal tract is to process and absorb food. The stomach, which is both a storage and digestive organ, works to optimize the conditions for the digestion and absorption of food in the small intestine. Following the stomach and preceding the large bowel (colon) is the small intestine, which comprises three regions: the duodenum, jejunum, and ileum. A major function of the small intestine is one of absorption of digested nutrients.

The passage of a meal through the gastrointestinal tract, which leads to digestion and absorption of nutrients, is controlled by a complex system of inhibitory and stimulatory motility mechanisms which are set in motion by the composition of the meal ingested. Specific receptors for fats and proteins, and the osmolality, acidity and particle size of the meal activate propulsive and inhibitory reactions, which modulate transit and thus absorption. In normal human subjects, the mechanisms that regulate gastrointestinal transit can, under some circumstances, be sensitized or desensitized in response to the subject's recent dietary history. (K.M. Cunningham et al., Gastrointestinal adaptation to diets of differing fat composition in human volunteers, Gut 32(5):483-86 [1991]).

The rate of transit through the small intestine is of great significance for the rate and extent of absorption from the small intestine. Disruption of the normal